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1. [REDACTED] the Soviet Komendatura for Lower Austria informed Dr. Stadelmann, Director of the Lower Austrian Chamber of Commerce, that a Soviet major was shortly to be assigned to the Chamber for liaison and control purposes, and requested that a suitable office be prepared for this officer by 1 January 1948.
2. Not long thereafter, a Major Yevseyev (fmu) presented himself to the Chamber as the officer in question. Yevseyev formerly worked in that section of the Economic Division which has to do with issuing permits for exporting industrial and agricultural products to the western zones of Austria.
3. Although Yevseyev's office in the Chamber of Commerce was made ready by 1 January 1948 as requested, he had not yet moved in as of 17 February 1948.
4. Yevseyev will deal principally with Ing. Wanschura, Chief of the Chamber's Industrial Section.
5. In early conferences with Wanschura and other officials, Yevseyev requested in the name of the Economic Division of the Soviet Element that a complete report on industrial production in Lower Austria covering the years 1946 and 1947 be submitted to him by the middle of February 1948. This request was to cover all industries firm by firm, and the figures were to be compared with those for 1937, the last "normal" year. In addition, the quantities of raw materials actually delivered to Lower Austrian industries in 1946 and 1947 were to be shown and compared with the quantities necessary for 50%, 75%, and full capacity production. When asked why the Soviet Element wanted this report, Yevseyev replied that it was "needed for the preparation of an account shortly to be presented to the Allied Commission."
6. Wanschura told a colleague confidentially that, although warned by Yevseyev that he would be held personally responsible for the accuracy of all figures, he intended in the final report to increase the figures for raw material requirements while leaving those for actual raw material deliveries unchanged.

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In the case of coal, for example, Wanschura said he would double the figures for requirements. By this device he hoped to get increased allotments from the Soviets. Wanschura is doing this entirely on his own initiative, without the knowledge of Stadelmann. [redacted] Comment: Such a practice could lead to difficulties for Wanschura if the Soviets compare his doctored figures with actual figures compiled by other Austrian agencies.)

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